<u>REMARK</u>

This Preliminary Amendment was submitted in June 29, 2001. In the Office Action mailed July 8, 2002, the Examiner stated that the submitted Preliminary Amendment was not in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.173. Specifically, claims 1 and 11 include instances of language differing from that in the '127 Patent but not underlined and/or bracketed. Accordingly, Applicant is re-submitting the entire Preliminary Amendment with the corrected claims 1 and 11.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.173(b), Applicant respectfully submits herewith the proposed amendments for incorporation into the above-identified reissue application. Reconsideration of pending claims 1-34 is respectfully requested.

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